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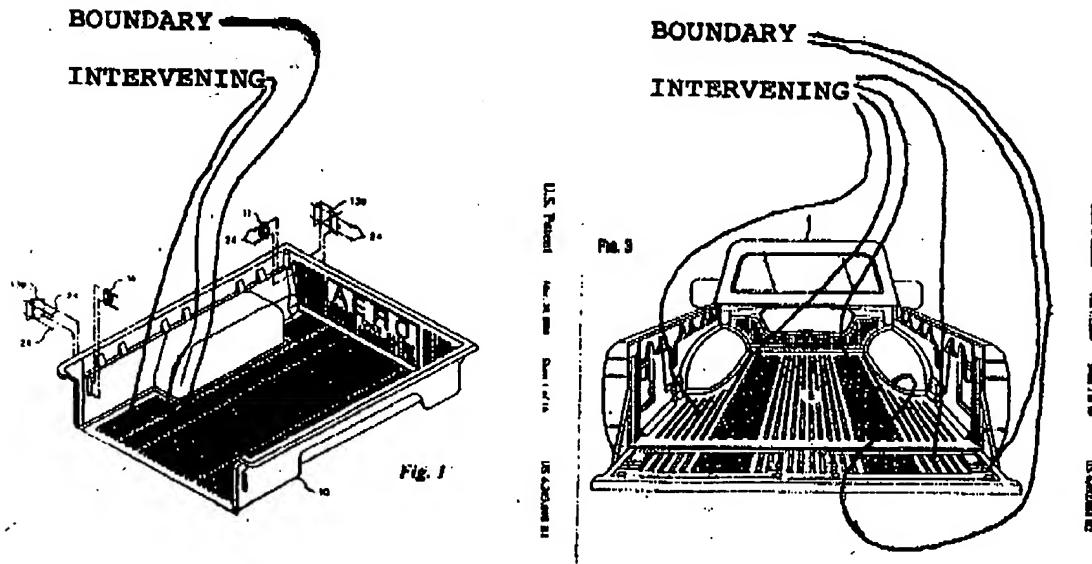
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FURTHER REMARKS

The word, "thus," is offered for deletion from claims 4, 8, 12, 17, 24, 26 & 28, as suggested in Paper No. 04152005.

Claims 3 and 23 are offered for amendment to provide clearer antecedent bases, as suggested in Paper No. 04152005 to avoid the Sec. 112, 2nd para., rejection of claims 3, 12, 15, 23, 28 & 29.

The rejections of claims 1 & 2 under 35 USC 102(b) over Vitoorapakorn, US 6203090; and claims 1-3 under 35 USC 102(e) over Vitoorapakorn, US 6692054, are respectfully traversed. Neither patent describes ribs of two obliquely extending arrays extending substantially to an outer boundary different from that which ribs of a central array extend, as required in claim 1. In contrast, both of these patents disclose a liner with at least one lengthwise rib intervening between obliquely extending arrays and outer boundary, and no oblique ribs extend to side sides of those liners. Compare, claims 2 & 3. Note, FIGS. 1, 5.1, 8 and 10.1 of the '090 patent, FIGS. 3 and 12 of the '054 patent, with FIGS. 1 of the '090 patent and 3 of the '054 patent illustrative:



Please, therefore, withdraw the objection and rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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